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Please find below a communication from the EXAMINER in charge of this application

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1. The amendment filed 11/22/99 as paper no 16, is not fully responsive to the communication mailed 5/17/99 for the reason(s) set forth below:

The Amendment filed 11/22/99 apparently contains improper claim amendments. The amendment to claims 16-18, for example, is objected to under 37 CFR 1.121 for having been improperly amended. 37 CFR 1.121(a)(2)(i) sets forth that amendments to the claims are to be made with instructions for insertions or deletions. In newly amended claims 16-18, no changes have apparently been made to the claims. It is not clear whether an amendment was intended or whether the claims are merely reiterated in the listing filed 11/22/99. Applicant is required to correct this error and to proof read all other amendments made to the claims to insure that no other improper insertions or deletions have occurred.

2. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of **ONE (1) MONTH** or **THIRTY (30) DAYS**, from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME LIMIT MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Examiner Julie E. Burke, nee Reeves, Ph.D., Art Unit 1642, whose telephone number is (703)308-7553. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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